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1. The Navy aviation school at Molotov (Perm) was called the Military Hydroplane School (Voenno Gidrovosionnaya Uchilishche). It was definitely a school (uchilishche), not an academy. It functioned under the Ministry of Defense, dealt with hydroplanes only, and its graduates were commissioned as lieutenants in the Soviet Navy.

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2. It should be kept in mind that in the USSR all aircraft pilots, in a sense, were of the military and that Soviet civil aviation is designed primarily to supplement military aviation. Pilots were graduates either of a military school or of OSOAVIAKHIM (Obshchestvo Soderzhatelstva Aviatsionnogo i Khimicheskogo Voenstva - Association to Aid Aviation and Chemical Troops). This organization was founded in 1924. It is now called DOBREMEN (Dobrovolnoye Obshchestvo Soderzhatelstva Armii - Voluntary Association to Aid the Army). OSOAVIAKHIM had branches at factories and universities. Many of its members later entered military schools and were graduated somewhat earlier than if they had not received training under OSOAVIAKHIM. The Association existed to train pilots. These pilots were not of the best quality. Training for chemical forces was gradually dropped, as the memory of the importance of CW in World War I faded.

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